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LB 470

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Fenger, committee amendments.

SENATOR FENGER: Thank you, Mr. President. In addition to making a number of technical and clarifying changes in LB 470 the committee amendments would require a license applicant who has twice failed the clinical portion of the licensing exam to complete an additional course in clinical dentistry prescribed by the Board of Dental Examiners before the board will consider the results of a third exam. The amendments would also remove the currently required 85 percent licensing exam grade, replace it with it with language authorizing the Health Department to determine the passing grade. That would be upon the recommendation of the Board of Dental Examiners. Language is also proposed in the committee amendments that would clarify who can, in fact, give dental x-rays and under what circumstances. Finally the committee amendments would delete the emergency clause. With that, Mr. President, I would move the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment to the committee amendments which is pending.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, Mr. Clerk, read the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment was filed last year. It was offered by Senator Marsh, Kilgarin. Copies have been distributed this morning, I believe, Senator.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this was filed last year so I'm sure you have all had time to read it but I would like to give you a little history on the amendment. The content of it was heard in the public hearing on Performance and Review and Audit in the fall of 1982 to LB 920. Next there was an interim study and a public hearing in November of 1982. Following that public hearing Senators Cullan and Apking had meetings with dentists, hygienists and dental assistants. At that time it became apparent that we were in agreement on just about everything. The areas of disagreement was basically cleaning teeth and whether it was to be indirect supervision